

Essay Options for *The Pearl*

Word process a two page essay on one of the following. Include an interesting intro that pulls the reader in while defining your essay. The body of your essay should discuss and support with details what you define in your intro. Conclude with a final paragraph that redefines the intro at a deeper level now that you have given an explanation.

1. Steinbeck's story is a simple one on the surface but filled with themes and symbols. Discuss three themes and three symbols. Then explain how they connect with one another.
2. Is money the root to all evil? Or is it man who brings about his own evil? Take a position and support your view with story details.
3. Family is the focus in this novel. Compare and contrast the change in the family. Discuss their family before they found the pearl. Then discuss their family after Kino found "the pearl of the world."
4. Compare the rich class to the poor. Cites ways in which the poor are oppressed by the rich. How do the rich stay rich which in turn force the poor to remain poor? What does it take to break the cycle of poverty?